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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7492**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1980

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 26, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Authentication of Ballots.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Avery

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. C. Lawson

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that whenever the individual who holds the office of circuit court clerk is a candidate on the ballot for any office, the individual's name or signature may not appear on the ballot except in the individual's capacity as a candidate, notwithstanding a law requiring the circuit court clerk's name or signature to appear on the ballot. The bill requires the circuit court clerk to choose a device or symbol other than the circuit court clerk's printed name or signature to authenticate ballots or for any other purpose required by law.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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